

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR
WEST MERCIA**



RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: Athena Contract Extension

Ref: PCC/D/2021/08

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The PCC for West Mercia with eight other PCCs has previously entered into contracts with Northgate Public Services (UK) Ltd for the provision of IT software & services (Athena). Those contracts whilst in similar terms had different end dates inhibiting service development.

Detailed contract negotiations have concluded with the preferred outcome being agreed with the provider.

PROPOSAL

This proposal is to extend the contract for the provision of Athena.

**APPROVAL OF
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES

SUPPORTING REPORT

Athena is a combined system that creates a workflow through lean thinking to link the process management of four of the most demanding business areas in terms of cost, complexity and harm. The four Athena modules deliver the following processes:

- Intelligence processing
- Investigation and the management of vulnerability
- Custody
- The management of case procedures, linked to the CPS and courts.

Athena has been procured through the creation of the Athena Management Organisation consortium of which the Police and Crime Commissioner is a member. Within this framework, there are a wide range of current contract expiry dates, with strong preference to move forward as a consortium to leverage best commercial proposition possible in line with the strategic intent of convergence.

There is recognition that migration to an alternative application would come with major business and organisational change implications. Market assessment strongly suggests that the principal competitor product offers little, if any, benefits over Athena. Consortium Forces have made significant investment in training, business processes and integration of Athena, and this extension provides an opportunity to make the most of this investment.

The decision to extend is both a commercial and operational decision – there is no compelling reason not to extend; and extension supports the wider alignment and convergence agenda on three fronts contract, software and future direction.

Detailed contract negotiations have concluded with the Consortium's preferred outcome being agreed with the provider.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

This decision supports the following element(s) of the Safer West Mercia Plan:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Putting Victims and Survivors First | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building a More Secure West Mercia |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reforming West Mercia | <input type="checkbox"/> Reassuring West Mercia's Communities |

The decision supports this/ these objective(s) through the following:

- Maintaining and developing a resilient policing information management system supporting
- The Force has made significant investment in training, business processes and integration of Athena, and this extension provides an opportunity to make the most of this investment

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

The financial details are commercially confidential and are provided in the separate Part 2 report.

TREASURER COMMENTS

This proposal fits within the budget approved in February

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

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OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive Officer

Signature



Date 2nd March 2021